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WCT Poised for Further Growth

Construction, Property Development and Property Investment Divisions Set To Contribute Positively To the Group

SELANGOR, Friday, 27 May 2016 – WCT Holdings Berhad (WCT or the Group), a leading engineering and construction as well as property company, aims to leverage on the positive prospects of its three core divisions, namely Engineering and Construction, Property Development and Investment & Management to drive growth.

Following the Group's Fifth Annual General Meeting today, **Mr. Taing Kim Hwa, Managing Director of WCT**, said, "We remain upbeat on our engineering and construction businesses as public spending on infrastructure construction is being sustained in Malaysia. To date, our outstanding construction order book stands at RM4.4 billion, out of which, approximately 80% are from projects in Malaysia. We expect our outstanding order book to rise further as we are targeting to bag RM2 billion worth of projects in total for our 2016 financial year."

"In terms of property development, we expect the market to remain soft until 2017. Nevertheless, we are very excited about our upcoming launches within our first 63-acre 4-in-1 integrated development called Paradigm Garden City in Overseas Union Garden (OUG), KL. We also have a pipeline of projects to be launched in 2016 and we have set our 2016 sales target at approximately RM600 million."

"Our shopping malls, namely Paradigm Mall Petaling Jaya, gateway@klia2 and the upcoming Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru, are also expected to provide increased recurrent income to the Group. Paradigm Mall Petaling Jaya and gateway@klia2 currently enjoys strong occupancy rates of around 91% and 75%," he added.

WCT recently announced that it had registered a net profit of RM10 million for the 1st quarter ended 31 March 2016. This was lower compared with RM33.29 million registered in the same corresponding quarter last year.

The decrease in net profit was due to unrealised foreign exchange loss in the quarter under review against an unrealised foreign exchange gain in the corresponding quarter a year ago. If foreign exchange gains or losses were to be excluded, the Group's net profit for the quarter would be RM33.26 million (RM14.84 million 1QFY2015).

Revenue for the quarter under review was higher at RM484.96 million compared with RM351.62 million recorded in the 1st quarter of the last financial year. The improvement in revenue was primarily attributed to higher contribution from the Group's Engineering and Construction as well as Property Development divisions.

Commenting on the Group's upcoming corporate exercises, namely the listing of the Group's Engineering and Construction division as well as the property REIT, Mr. Taing said, "We are currently in the midst of finalising these corporate exercises with the investment bankers and relevant authorities. While it is still too premature to disclose details at this juncture, suffice to say that our plans remain on track and the corporate exercises will play a significant role in our efforts to lower our gearing while providing us with the financial platform to further grow our business," he concluded.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2015, the Group achieved a net profit of RM206.89 million, which was a 71% increase from RM120.97 million in the previous year. The Group's revenue of RM1,667.92 million represented a slight increase compared to the preceding year's revenue of RM1,662.22 million.

WCT also propose a final dividend of 2 sen per share for the year ended December 31, 2015 (FY15) subject to shareholders' approval at today's AGM.

About WCT Holdings Berhad

Founded in 1981, WCT was listed on the Bursa Malaysia in 1995. Currently with 2,000 employees and presence in six countries, WCT is an investment holding company involved in engineering and construction, property development and investment & management activities. Its engineering and construction expertise covers F1 racing circuits, airports, dams and water supply schemes, expressways and highways, civil works, interior fit-out works and buildings. The company's property development and investment & management portfolio includes townships, luxury homes, high-rise residences, industrial properties, offices, integrated commercial developments, concessions, hotels and shopping malls. WCT owns and operates Première Hotel, Klang and owns 3 shopping malls – Bukit Tinggi Shopping Centre in Klang, Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya, and the integrated complex – gateway@klia2 in Sepang, Selangor. The modern gateway@klia2 is the Group's third retail project and is part of the long-term concession with Malaysia Airport Holdings Berhad. WCT currently has a land bank of approximately 1,000 acres in Malaysia. For more information about WCT, please visit wct.com.my.